

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the foregoing amendment and following remarks.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9-15 are independent. All of the pending claims stand rejected. By this amendment, claims 1, 7, 9, 10 and 12-14. Claims 11 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,583,813 to Enright et al. ("Enright").

As indicated above, claims 11 and 15 have been cancelled rendering the rejections directed to these claims moot.

Enright discloses a system and method for capturing image data for an ATM banking system in which an image is captured responsive to programmed sequences. It is indicated in Enright that the sequences are performed on a periodic basis as well as in response to inputs corresponding to alarm conditions and transactions conducted at automated banking machines.

Applicant notes that Enright discloses sending email messages to selected addressees. As the Office Action indicates, a portion of Enright describes "[s]uch e-mails may also include information about the nature of the triggering event, the location or banking machine where such event is occurring and other pertinent data." (col. 36, lines 45-48)

Independent claims have been amended for further clarification. In particular, claim 1 has been

amended to recite, *inter alia*, “converting means for converting time information of the image sensed at said sense means into text data; and transmitting means for transmitting, by electronic mail, the sensing condition and the text data converted at said converting means as a part of electronic mail message when the image was sensed by said sense means.” Other independent claims (i.e., claims 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14) are amended in a similar manner. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, at page 21, line 24 through page 22, line 15 along with Figs. 11 and 12 of the original specification.

One of the aspects of the image sensing apparatus of the present invention “converts” the time information of the taken image into text data. The converted text data that include time information is then transmitted to a user as a part of email message along with the sensing condition. With this feature of the invention, the user may promptly recognize the time information of the taken image without actually viewing the image file.

In rejecting claim 7, the Office Action indicates that Enright discloses transmitting time information and cites figures 62-72. Applicant notes that the time information of Enright is not text data format converted from the time information of the sensed image. For example, Fig. 68 of Enright shows an exemplary screen that enables a user to enlarge a particular image with information concerning the nature of the triggering event which resulted in the capture of the image. See, also, col. 55, lines 58-62. In other words, the time information indicated in the screen of Fig. 68 of Enright is not a part of electronic mail message as specifically required by the claims as amended.

Accordingly, each of claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 as amended is believed neither anticipated by nor rendered obvious in view of Enright for at least the reasons discussed above.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Applicant has not individually addressed the rejections of the dependent claims because Applicant submits that the independent claims from which they respectively depend are in condition for allowance as set forth above. Applicant however reserves the right to address such rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary.

Applicant believes that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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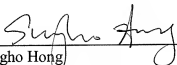
No petitions or additional fees are believed due for this amendment and/or any accompanying submissions. However, to the extent that any additional fees and/or petition is required, including a petition for extension of time, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to grant such petition, and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees, including any fees which may be required for such petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 (Order No. 1232-5116). A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ENCLOSED.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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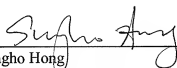
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